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DE 203 03 534 is described in the background portion of the present application while the remaining listed items were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) mailed July 28, 2004 in the counterpart European application and which categorizes all references, thus satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance under M.P.E.P. §609. DE 56 719 and DE 3401427 cited in the enclosed Search Report are already of record.

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- This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.
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